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Hello All, thanks for your patience ! This is the Friday Aug 12, 2016 PR TA Federal Partners agenda ( see attached) ; also attaching another copy of VI TA day on Aug 8,2016

The meeting will be held at the Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza , NY, NY 10278; on 33<sup>rd</sup> floor, Conference RM A, HRSA/ORO office

**Puerto Rico Department of Health**  
**Title V MCH/CSHN Program**  
**Maternal Child Health Bureau**  
**2017 Block Grant Application /2015Annual Report Panel Review**  
**Board Room, 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, RM 3337**  
**Thursday , August 11, 2016**  
**8:30am. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Toll free Conference line:** **Exemption 6**

**Please note the toll free conference line will be open all day !**

Best wishes,

*Shirley A. Smith*

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**Subject:** RE: Connecting to PEHSU  
**Importance:** High

This is the agenda for Aug 8 VI; I am sending the Aug 12 TA agenda shortly, sorry the zipfiles is not working! I will send PR shortly

**Virgin Islands Department of Health Title V MCH/CSHN Block Grant Program Technical Assistance with Federal Partners**  
**Priorities, Challenges, ZIKA updates, TA needs**

Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278  
 HRSA Regional Division/ORO Conference Room, RM 3337, 33<sup>rd</sup> Fl.

**Monday August 8, 2016**

Orientation/Overview:  
 Priorities, ACA/Health  
 Care Reform, ZIKA,  
 Hovensa updates;  
 SAMSHA: Adolescent  
 Summit: Integration  
 Primary Care, Mental  
 Health, Behavioral  
 Health, Substance  
 Abuse  
 CMS: ACA/Health Care  
 Reform; Title V/Title  
 XIX Interagency  
 Agreement  
 EPA: Mt Sinai Pediatric  
 Environmental Health  
 Services Unit (PEHSU)

**Toll free Conference line: 1-866-768-4675; participant code: 41530556**

### **Agenda**

Time	Topic	Federal Partners Participants
9:00AM-9:15AM	Introduction : Federal Partners and VI MCH/CSHN staff	
9:15AM-10AM	<p>ZIKA update :Overview/ prevention, screening , public education, prenatal care/ follow up ZIKA positive mothers &amp; their infants</p> <p>Resources needed: public education , testing, tracking, follow up pregnant women, infants</p>	
10:00AM-12:00PM	<p>Specific TA areas of interest : CMS/ Federal Partners ACA/Health Care Reform Title V/Title XIX Interagency Agreement: Status</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Medicaid Benefits</b>, waivers and demonstration opportunities for long terms services and supports for children born with microcephaly or other serious Zika-related disabilities, including physical therapy and related services and targeted case management services.</li> <li>2. Using targeted case management and other potential avenues to support home visiting services through Medicaid funding.</li> </ol>	

	<p>3. * Health Manpower shortage: primary care/specialty care for pregnant women, children, adolescents, CSHN; dental access</p> <p>4. <b>Funding transportation off Island : high risk clients( pregnant women, infants/children</b></p> <p>5. <b>ZIKA resources: public education , testing, tracking, follow up pregnant women, infants</b></p> <p>6. <b>Lack adequate data resources</b></p>	
	2. <b>Funding sources for equipment:</b> physical therapy and related services, electronic health record, telemedicine services, and other diagnostic services such as RET-cams for ophthalmological evaluations of Zika-related disabilities.	
	<p>3. <b>Environmental issues</b></p> <p>a. <b>Hovensa updates: childhood Lead Screening, Asthma,</b></p> <p>b. <b>Impact of Pesticide/spraying on pregnant women/infants</b></p> <p>* <b>Mt Sinai Pediatric Environmental Health Services Unit (PEHSU)</b></p> <p><b>Training /treatment opportunities</b></p>	EPA/ Mt Sinai Pediatric Environmental Health Sciences Unit/PESCHU
<b>12:00PM- 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch : own your own</b>	<b>Cafeteria</b>
1:00pm-2:00PM	<p><b>Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Behavioral Health : OPOIDS/ MH/BH/SA</b></p> <p><b>Adolescent Summit: Integration Primary Care, Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse</b></p>	<b>Dennis Romero, Regional Administrator</b> <b>Conference call</b>
2:00pm-3:00pm	<p><b>HRSA programs: Update Issues, Bureau Health Manpower</b></p> <p>* Health Manpower shortage: primary care/specialty care for pregnant women, children, adolescents, CSHN; dental access</p>	BHW, Anne Venner , Wesley Tahsir-Rodriguez,
3:00-4:00 pm	<b>MIECHV Home Visiting</b>	Jamie Weng
4:00PM-4:30PM	Summary: Action Plan, Next Steps	
	Wrap up	

Federal Partners: Please confirm participation

- Region II HHS Regional Director: **Jackie Cornell-Bechelli**
- Region II Executive Officer : **Dennis E. González**
- Region II Regional Health Administrator : **April Smith-Hirak,**
- MCHB Division of State and Community Health (DSCH), **Michele Lawler, Director,**

- Regional Administrator, HRSA/ORO; **Ronald Moss**
- Deputy Regional Health Administrator : **Cheryl Donald** ,
- Centers for Medicaid /Medicare : **Michael Melendez, Ricardo Holligan, Nicole McKnight**
- Centers for Medicaid/Medicare: **Dr. Nilsa S Gutierrez**,
- Administration Children and Family: **Joyce Thomas, Regional Administrator**
- Environmental Protection Agency: **Mark Maddaloni** ([Maddaloni.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Maddaloni.Mark@epa.gov))
- Substance Abuse Mental Health Addiction: **Dennis Romero**
- OMH,OWH, Office of Family Planning

See list: PR, and VI Participants

Please confirm your availability to participate in these important TA opportunities

Best wishes,

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**Subject:** FW: Connecting to PEHSU

**Late this week, I received an invitation to an event that is occurring next week. Shirley Smith has asked that I invite you to attend, particularly on the days that the VI and PR discussed, August 8 and August 12. The panel days in the table below are ones in which block grants will be addressed. You, or someone from your staff are welcome to attend those as well, but you may be more interested in the conferences on August 8 and 12.**

**If you plan on attending, you can send Shirley an e-mail at the address below and given the short notice, Shirley has given us her phone number to enable you or someone on your staff to call on Monday (for the VI) and/or Friday (for the PR).**

**As to the VI, this should provide a unique opportunity because of the five VI Dept of Health managers who will be attending all but one is a recently appointed manager. In addition, Michelle Davis, the new territorial Commissioner of Health may be participating by phone.**

**As to PR, members of its Dept of Health and the 2 MCH Directors and their staff will be attendance on the Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Because of technical difficulties, I will be forwarding the Agendas in a separate e-mail.**

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**Subject:** RE: Connecting to PEHSU

Hello Everyone, thank you so much for your interest and response to my inquiry re contacting PESHU Unit who have provided TA/training to VI and PR Title V MCHBG programs!

WE have new staff in VI and PR has major issues related to ZIKA , and VI on a smaller scale!

The Region II State MCH/CSHN directors and staff will be meeting ( 216 Federal Plaza, 33<sup>rd</sup> floor, RM 3337) for discussions with expert panel reviewers focusing on the 2017 MCH/CSHN Application /2015 Annual Report, highlighting strengths, best practice, model programs, gaps and weaknesses,. The expert review panel provides recommendations for TA or further training or collaboration with other agencies to improve program performance and health outcomes.

My colleague Mark Maddaloni EPA Region II attended the Region II Block grant reviews in the past, and helped identify common interests in promoting healthier outcomes for children

VI and PR were identified for high level TA/Training , and EPA has worked with other DHHS/HRSA programs , and introduced the MT Sinai PESHU Unit, a wonderful resource and collaborative partner

MCHB Panel Reviews:

Date/Time	State
Tuesday, August 9th 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	VI
Wednesday, August 10th 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	NJ
Thursday, August 11th 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	PR

This year we are offering two TA days for VI Aug 8 and PR Aug 12

Attached are documents for VI: Agenda /participants for Aug 8 TA Federal Partners., and Aug 9 VI BG Panel review agenda, and similar documents for PR

MT Sinai PESHU Unit

Please reach out to MT Sinai PESHU Unit and EPA colleagues are welcome to attend as we work together to improve children health and environment in US VI !

Best wishes,

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